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The Senate met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CHUCK HAGEL, a Senator from the State of Nebraska.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

God our Father, we pause in the midst of the changes and challenges of life to receive a fresh experience of Your goodness. You are always consistent, never change, constantly fulfill Your plans and purposes, and are totally reliable. There is no shadow of turning with You; as You have been You will be forever. All Your attributes are summed up in Your goodness. It is the password for Your presence, the metonym for Your majesty, and the synonym for Your strength. Your goodness is generosity that You define. It is Your outrushing, unqualified love poured out in graciousness and compassion. You are good when circumstances seem bad. When we ask for Your help, Your goodness can bring what is best out of the most complicated problems.

Thank You for Your goodness given so lavishly to our Nation throughout our history. Today, again we turn to You for Your guidance for what is good for our country. Keep us grounded in Your sovereignty, rooted in Your commandments, and nurtured by the absolutes of Your truth and righteousness. May Your goodness always be the source of our Nation's greatness. In the name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, February 4, 1997.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable CHUCK HAGEL, a Senator from the State of Nebraska, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. HAGEL thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the distinguished majority leader.

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business until the hour of 12:30, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each. At 12:30 today the Senate will recess until 2:15 to allow the weekly policy conferences to meet.

Following the conferences, the Senate may consider a Senate resolution regarding mammograms, which was submitted by Senator SNOWE. It is my hope we will be able to enter a short time limitation for debate and then have a rollcall vote on the adoption of that resolution. All Members will be notified when that agreement is reached as well as when the rollcall vote can be expected. We hope that we will have that vote probably not later than 4 o'clock or so this afternoon, but we will give the specific time a little later in the morning.

As expected, yesterday the Judiciary Committee did file their report on the constitutional amendment on the balanced budget. The report became available this morning and, therefore, under the rule, the Senate may begin consideration of that joint resolution on Thursday. It is possible that we may begin opening statements on the balanced budget amendment on Wednesday, tomorrow afternoon. I will notify all Members of that schedule after I confer further with the democratic leader.

In addition, several committees are expected to complete their work on

some of the pending nominations during this week. Once again, I will alert all Members as to the Senate schedule with respect to these nominees. We have at least a couple that are close to being reported. We hope to have a vote on those Thursday, if at all possible.

Of course, on Thursday morning we will also be notified of the President's budget proposals, and we hope to have a quick meeting with the President up here on Capitol Hill in the President's room certainly within the next week. We are still working on the specifics and details of that meeting, so we can begin to actually roll up our sleeves and begin work on items where we think there is a good possibility for agreement so that we can move things, like the balanced budget agreement, some tax relief for working Americans, improvements in education at the local level with parents being involved on behalf of the children's interests, safer streets, safer neighborhoods, and toxic and nuclear waste cleanup. These are areas where we have a lot of common interests, concerns, and we should go to work on these big issues as quickly as we possibly can.

Mr. President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ASHCROFT). Without objection, it is so ordered.

### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 2:45 today

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